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AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 10th Day of *September*, 1766,

PRESENT,

The KING's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

THIS Day the Right Honourable Sir John Eardley Wilmot, Knight, Lord Chief Juſtice of His Majeſty's Court of Common Pleas; Sir Charles Saunders, Knight of the Bath; and Iſaac Barré, Eſq; were, by His Majeſty's Command, ſworn of His Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council, and took their reſpective Places at the Board accordingly.

By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE R.

WHereas Our Parliament ſtands prorogued to Tueſday the Sixteenth Day of this Inſtant September; We, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, do hereby publiſh and declare, That the ſaid Parliament ſhall be further prorogued on the ſaid Sixteenth Day of September, to Tueſday the Eleventh Day of November next: And We have given Order to Our Chancellor of Great Britain, to prepare a Commiſſion for proroguing the ſame accordingly. And We do hereby further declare Our Royal Will and Pleaſure, That the ſaid Parliament ſhall, on the ſaid Eleventh Day of November next, be held for the Diſpatch of divers weighty and important Affairs. And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, and the Commiſſioners for Shires and Burghs of the Houſe of Commons, are hereby required to give their Attendance accordingly at Weſtminſter on the ſaid Eleventh Day of November next.

Given at Our Court at St. James's the Tenth Day of September, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty-ſix, in the Sixth Year of Our Reign.

GOD ſave the KING.

By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

For putting the Laws in Execution againſt Foreſtalling, Regrating, and Engroſſing of Corn.

GEORGE R.

WHereas ſeveral good Statutes have been made againſt Foreſtallers, Regraters, and Engroſſers, who are thereby declared open Oppreſſors of the Poor, and Enemies of their Country: And by an Act made in the Parliament holden in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of King Edward the Sixth, the buying, bargaining, or contracting for any Corn coming by Land or by Water to any Market or Fair, or to any City, Port, Haven, Creek, or Road, of this Realm or Wales, from any Parts beyond the Sea, to be ſold before the ſame ſhall be brought into the Markets, Fairs, Cities, Ports, Havens, Creeks, or Roads, to be ſold; and the making any Motion by Word, Letter, Meſſage, or otherwiſe, to any Perſon, for the inhancing of the Price, or dear ſelling of the ſame, and the diſſuading any Perſon from bringing his or her Corn to any of the ſaid Markets, Fairs, Cities, Ports, Havens, Creeks, or Roads, to be ſold, are prohibited, and adjudged Foreſtalling: And whereas by the ſame Act it is declared, That the obtaining, or getting into any Man's Poſſeſſion any Corn, in any Fair or Market, and ſelling the ſame in any Fair or Market held in the ſame Place, or within Four Miles thereof, ſhall be adjudged Regrating: And whereas by the ſame Act it is likewiſe declared, That it ſhall be adjudged an unlawful Engroſſing, to buy or contract for any Corn, to ſell the ſame again, otherwiſe than is therein particularly allowed of, (that is to ſay) Buying of Barley, Bigg, or Oats (not by Foreſtalling) to be converted into Malt or Oatmeal in the Houſe of the Buyer, which ſhall be ſo converted indeed; or the taking of any Corn reſerved without Fraud, upon any Leaſe for Term of any Life or Years; or the buying of any Corn (not by Foreſtalling) by any Badger, Lader, Kidder, or Carrier, who is to be licenſed ſo to do, and ſhall ſell the ſame in open Fair or Market, or to ſome Victualler or other Perſon

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for the Proviſion of his or their Houſes, within One Month after the ſame ſhall be ſo firſt bought; or providing, without Foreſtalling, the uſual Quantity of Corn for any City, Borough, or Town Corporate, or for Proviſion, or victualling any Ship, Caſtle, or Fort, within the Dominions of the Crown; all which Sorts of Dealing in Corn are not Offences againſt the Statute; nor the Buying of Corn (except by Foreſtalling) by any Perſon licenſed ſo to do, to be tranſported by Water from any Port or Place in England or Wales, unto any other Port or Place within Our Dominions; ſo that the ſame be, without Fraud, ſhipped within Forty Days after the ſame ſhall be bought, and carried with ſuch Expedition as the Wind and Weather will permit, to the Port the Cocquet of the ſame ſhall declare, and there to diſbark and ſell the ſame, and bring a Certificate thereof from a Juſtice of the Peace of the County, or Mayor or Bailiff of the Town, and of the Cuſtomer of the Port, of the Place and Day where the Corn was unladed and ſold, to the Cuſtomer and Comptroller of the Port where the ſame was ſhipped; the Puniſhments of which ſaid Offences are enacted to be Impriſonment for Two Months, without Bail or Mainprize, for the Firſt Offence, beſides Forfeiture of the Corn ſo bought or had; for the Second Offence, Impriſonment for the Space of Half a Year, without Bail or Mainprize, and Loſs of double the Value of the Corn ſo bought or had as aforeſaid; and for the Third Offence, ſetting on the Pillory in the Place where the Offender ſhall dwell, and Forfeiture of all his Goods and Chattels, and Impriſonment during Our Pleaſure; the One Moiety of all which Forfeitures is given to the Proſecutor in Caſe he will ſue for the ſame; but the whole Forfeiture will belong to Us where the Conviction ſhall be at Our Suit only. And it was thereby likewiſe enacted, That if any Perſon, having ſufficient Corn for Proviſion of his Houſe, and ſowing of his Ground for One Year, ſhall buy any Corn in any Fair or Market, for the Change of his Seed, and ſhall not bring to the ſame Fair or Market, the ſame Day, ſo much Corn as ſhall be bought for his Seed, and ſell the ſame if he can, at the Price the ſame ſhall then go at in the ſaid Fair or Market, every ſuch Perſon ſhall forfeit the Double Value of the Corn ſo bought. And whereas by an Act made in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth, it was enacted, That no Badger, Lader, Kidder, Carrier, Buyer, or Tranſporter of Corn, ſhall be licenſed but in the General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the County where ſuch Perſon ſhall ſo dwell, and hath dwelt for the Space of Three Years before the Date of his Licence, and who is then an Houſeholder, not a Servant or Retainer to any Perſon, and who, at the Time of granting ſuch Licence, is or hath been a married Man, not under the Age of Thirty Years; which Licences are to continue but for a Year, and muſt be ſigned and ſealed by Three of the Juſtices then preſent, whereof One to be of the Quorum, on pain of forfeiting Five Pounds by every Perſon taking any Licence not purſuant to the ſaid Act, and all ſuch Licences are by the ſaid Act declared to be null and void: And the ſaid Juſtices are by the ſaid Act impowered to take Bond and Surety by Recognizances of the Perſon licenſed, that he ſhall not Foreſtall or Engroſs, or otherwiſe practice or do any Act or Thing contrary to the ſaid Statute of Edward the Sixth. And it is likewiſe further provided by the ſaid Act, That no Perſon ſhall buy any Corn or Grain out of open Fair or Market to ſell again, unleſs ſuch Perſon ſhall be thereunto licenſed by ſpecial Order and expreſs Words, upon pain of forfeiting the like Sum of Five Pounds; all which ſeveral Offences the Juſtices of the Peace, at the Quarter Seſſions for the County where ſuch Offences ſhall be committed, have Power to hear and determine. And whereas the Prices of Corn are already very much increaſed, and the ſame is likely to grow much dearer, to the great Oppreſſion of the Poor, partly becauſe the ſaid Acts are not duly put in Execution, We have thought fit, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, to iſſue forth this Our Royal Proclamation; and We do hereby ſtrictly charge and command all and every Our Judges, Juſtices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, and all other Magiſtrates, Officers, and Miniſters whatſoever and whereſoever, within England, Wales, and Our Town of Berwick upon Tweed, that they, and every of them, within their reſpective Places and Juriſdictions, do cauſe the ſaid Acts, and all other Acts relating to the ſame Matters, to be in all and every the Parts and Branche thereof, put in ſpeedy and effectual Execution; and that they do take Care that no Licence be granted to any Badger, Lader, Kidder, Carrier, or Buyer of Corn or Grain, but to ſuch Perſons as are or ſhall be qualified for the ſame, according to the Directions of the Acts of Parliament relating thereunto, and under ſuch Sureties as thoſe Acts do require; and that they do take Care that all Offenders againſt the ſaid Acts be effectually proſecuted according to the Purport of the ſaid Acts. And We do hereby require and charge all Our Officers, Miniſters, and loving Subjects whatſoever, to be aiding and aſſiſting in the due Execution of this Our Royal Proclamation, on pain of Our High Diſpleaſure, and of ſuch Pains and Puniſhments as may by Law be inflicted upon the Contemners of Our Royal Authority.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Tenth Day of September, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty-ſix, and in the Sixth Year of Our Reign.

GOD ſave the KING.

AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 10th Day of *September*, 1766,

PRESENT,

The KING's moſt Excellent Majeſty in His Privy Council.

WHEREAS David Willis, of the Pariſh of Seaton and Beer in the County of Devon, Mariner, James Hocombe, late of the ſaid

ſaid Pariſh of Seaton and Beer, but now living at Paignton in the ſaid County, Mariner, and Symon Merryfield, late of the ſaid Pariſh of Seaton and Beer, Labourer, were, upon the Twenty-third Day of Auguſt laſt, charged by Information of a credible Perſon upon Oath by him ſubſcribed, before Francis Drake, Clerk, one of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of Devon, with having been guilty, on or about the Twenty-ſeventh Day of February laſt, of being, together with other Perſons, armed with offenſive Weapons, to wit, Loaded Whips and Bludgeons; and ſo armed being aſſembled near a Place called Counteſs Wear, in the Pariſh of Topſham in the County of Devon, in order to aſſiſt in Running and Carrying away uncuſtomed Goods. Which Information was afterwards Certified by the ſaid Francis Drake, under his Hand and Seal, to one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, who has laid the ſame before His Majeſty in His Privy Council, purſuant to the late Act of Parliament of the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King George the Second in that Caſe made and provided—His Majeſty doth, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, by this His Order in His Privy Council, Require and Command, that the ſaid David Willis, James Hocombe, and Symon Merryfield, and each of them, do Surrender himſelf and themſelves within the Space of Forty Days after the firſt Publication of this Order in the London Gazette, to the Lord Chief Juſtice, or one other of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Court of King's Bench, or to one of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace.

W. Blair.

AT the Court at St. *James's*, the 10th Day of *September*, 1766,

PRESENT,

The KING's moſt Excellent Majeſty in His Privy Council.

WHEREAS Thomas Churchward, of the Pariſh of Paignton in the County of Devon, Mariner, Thomas Salter, of the ſaid Pariſh of Paignton, but late of the Pariſh of Seaton and Beer, in the ſaid County of Devon, Labourer, and Jacob Braddick, of the ſaid Pariſh of Seaton and Beer, Labourer, were, upon the Twenty-third Day of Auguſt laſt, charged by Information of a credible Perſon upon Oath, by him ſubſcribed, before Francis Drake, Clerk, one of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of Devon, with having been guilty, on or about the Twenty-ſeventh Day of February laſt, of being, together with other Perſons, armed with offenſive Weapons, to wit, Loaded Whips and Bludgeons; and ſo armed, being aſſembled near a Place called Counteſs Wear, in the Pariſh of Topſham, in the ſaid County of Devon, in order to aſſiſt in Running and Carrying away uncuſtomed Goods. Which Information was afterwards Certified by the ſaid Francis Drake, under his Hand and Seal, to one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, who has laid the ſame before His Majeſty in His Privy Council, purſuant to the late Act of Parliament of the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King George the Second, in that Caſe made and provided — His Majeſty doth, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, by this His Order in His Privy Council, Require and Command, that the ſaid Thomas Churchward, Thomas Salter, and Jacob Braddick, and each of them, do ſurrender himſelf and themſelves within the Space of Forty Days after the Firſt Publication of this Order in the London Gazette, to the Lord Chief Juſtice, or one other of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Court of King's Bench, or to one of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace.

W. Blair.

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PRESENT,

The KING's moſt Excellent Majeſty in His Privy Council.

WHEREAS John Ebdon, of the Pariſh of Seaton and Beer in the County of Devon, Labourer, James Burroughs, of the Pariſh of Chudleigh in the ſaid County, Yeoman, and William Dyer, now of the Pariſh of Paignton, but late of Seaton and Beer aforeſaid in the ſaid County, Labourer, were, upon the Twenty-third Day of Auguſt laſt, charged, by Information of a credible Perſon, upon Oath by him ſubſcribed before Francis Drake, Clerk, one of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of Devon, with having been guilty, on or about the Twenty-ſeventh Day of February laſt, of being, together with other Perſons, armed with offenſive Weapons, to wit, Loaded Whips and Bludgeons; and ſo armed, being aſſembled near a Place called Counteſs Wear, in the Pariſh of Topſham in the ſaid County of Devon, in order to aſſiſt in running and carrying away uncuſtomed Goods; Which Information was afterwards certified by the ſaid Francis Drake, under his Hand and Seal, to one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, who has laid the ſame before His Majeſty in His Privy Council, purſuant to the late Act of Parliament of the nineteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King George the Second, in that Caſe made and provided—His Majeſty doth, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, by this His Order in His Privy Council, Require and Command, that the ſaid John Ebdon, James Burroughs, and William Dyer, and each of them, do ſurrender himſelf and themſelves, within the Space of Forty Days after the firſt Publication of this Order in the London Gazette, to the Lord Chief Juſtice, or one other of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Court of King's Bench, or to one of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace.

W. Blair.

The following Addreſs of the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the Government of the Counties of Newcaſtle, Kent, and Suſſex on Delaware